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SATURDAY EVENING.

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WILLARD JOHNSON
TO A FAVORITEBetting Odds on Big Fight Take
Sudden Change.Rumor Is Out That There Is a
Frame-Up.

FITSIMMONS ON THE BLACK

But Tommy Burns Says Willard
Is Sure Winner.Kansas Cowboy Is in Perfect
Physical Condition.

Havana, April 3.—A sensational report of betting on Monday's world championship bout brought a change in odds today and favored Jesse Willard. The prevailing figures were 6 to 5 on the Kansas cowboy winning. Friday night's quotation of 7 to 5, with Johnson on the good end, veered suddenly around to even money.

There was a wild rumor flying about that the tip had been given out that it was agreed Willard should win. Where it originated no one knew. The fight promoters indignantly denied any plan and insisted the sudden shift in odds was due to the big influx of fight fans from the states, weighed down with coin and intent on taking the white man's burden.

Already a seat sale has reached \$100,000 and a \$200,000 crowd is expected.

Havana, April 3.—With both fighters claiming perfection of condition for Monday's championship of the world set to, the keenest interest was manifested by fight fans early today in the showing Jack Johnson will make against Sam McVey in the six-round exhibition bout this afternoon. Curley's slings of possible injury to Johnson requiring postponement of the championship battle, were unavailing. The big black insists he will get a good workout in the McVey mill and fight six rounds.

One thing is certain—the Johnson-McVey workout won't be a love feast. McVey is one of the trio of "tar babies" including Langford and Johnson, the McVey and Langford portion of which have always believed they were just as good as Johnson but who have mounted the fact that circumstances gave Johnson the chance to grab the title. Johnson would never give them a fight. Langford was once reported to have traveled all the way across the continent simply to get a chance to take up a bombastic challenge by Johnson, then doing the "tar babies" routine, and who would have anything with anybody. The story went that Johnson backed out when Langford was spotted.

Would Square Things.
McVey is reported to have made peace with Johnson but nevertheless those who know the crafty black man insist he will do his best this afternoon to square the score.

Final workouts in both camps were the best so far staged. Willard made an exceptionally brilliant showing, apparently cutting loose his footwork. It was beyond the expectations of even his most enthusiastic backers. The cowboy's physical condition is marvellous. Of the little muscled type, he is now in the top notch of physical condition.

Referee Welsh arrived today. The city is packed and jammed with fight fans. Every available sort of steamer has been pressed into service between Havana and Key West to bring fans here and still it was reported that there were 5,000 on the way. Florida towns unable to obtain passage.

Welsh Lands Safely.
Jack Welsh, who will referee the fight, landed in Havana early today from Key West.

Welsh immediately began a series of conferences with the fight promoters and principals regarding the interpretation of the rules. He probably will call a conference Sunday for final explanations and ratification.

Weather conditions today were the best for training purposes that have prevailed for a week. It was clear and cool and both Johnson and Willard were on the road early. Tomorrow the men will do little more than trot and walk.

Fitz Picks Johnson.
Newark, N. J., April 3.—Bob Fitzsimmons, former heavyweight champion, picks Jack Johnson to win the coming fight.

"Of course I'm with Willard because he's a white man. But that fellow Johnson is the goods. Mark me, I expect him to put Jess away inside of four or five rounds, at the most."

"You've got to admit that Willard is a big dub. He hasn't the experience. I don't care how fat Johnson is or how old he may be; the fact remains he knows more about the fighting game than the pitiful figure that will be stacked up against him next Monday, and believe me, when I say what the coon will do to him will be something awful to watch."

"There is just that chance that Johnson will allow Willard to stay."

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MUSIC AIDED HIM.

London, April 3.—Music as an aid in the recovery of mental faculties lost as the result of harrowing experiences at the front, is being used with success at the Hospital for Paralysis, Maida-Vale, London. The hospital authorities pointed to the case of Randolph A. G. Reynolds of the Second Wiltshire Regiment, as typical of cases of this class. He was buried in a trench for thirteen hours by the explosion of a German shell at Ypres, and for three weeks afterwards his mind was a complete blank. He was brought to London and given "treatment" with the piano and other musical instruments. He began to improve immediately, and to people in his room and on his bed. Gradually he began to read the musical notation and later the ordinary printing.

STATE IS AFTER
BRIDGE TRUSTAttorney General Brewster
Opens His Campaign.Startling Evidence on Con-
tracts in Counties.

INFORMATION ON ALL BIDS

State Gathering Facts From
Every Kansas Locality.May Bring Criminal Action
Against Firms.

There is much trouble ahead for the alleged bridge trust in Kansas when information being gathered by S. M. Brewster, attorney general, is presented in the courts. Brewster is only starting on his crusade against the bridge combine in this state, but information which he hopes to have available at an early date will probably furnish some startling evidence as to the system of contract letting in various counties.

Recently the legislature set aside \$5,000 for the attorney general's office in addition to the regular contingent fund of \$10,000 a year. With this extra \$5,000, the lawmakers told Brewster to look into the affairs of the bridge companies. It had been estimated on the floor of the legislature that the alleged bridge combine was dividing contracts according to their plan and arrangement and that the net result was a measure of law infraction. Now Brewster will likely keep the bridge company lawyers busy in an effort to keep their employers out of jail and their companies in Kansas.

Information being gathered by the attorney general's office at this time has to do with the letting of contracts for bridge building in all of the 105 counties of the state. This information also concerns the lists of bidders on various contracts, amounts of bids and this fact was openly charged on a degree at least whether the bridge companies have been dividing Kansas contracts and whether agreed prices were established by companies in the alleged combine.

If the information shows a distribution of territory by the companies and this fact was openly charged on the floor of the legislature—Brewster will doubtless begin open proceedings against the companies. These suits, he said, are being based on the pleadings in the famous ouster and trust busting cases against the harvester companies and other corporations.

Not only will the attorney general's latitude in his investigation extend to the possible ouster of the bridge companies, but under the law he may bring criminal action against officers of the companies for violations of the trust laws. As yet, however, Brewster has not investigated the matter sufficiently to warrant immediate action. But some of the \$5,000 for investigating purposes is being spent and his foot is on the questing probe in on file in the state house.

CUPID IS FOLEY

Minor Claims Woman Fright-
ened Him to Marriage.Alleges Topeka Wife Has
Lapses of Morals.

Alleging that he was frightened into marrying a woman of greater age than he under threats of prosecution which he alleges were without foundation, Bruce Harder, 20 years of age, commenced suit for divorce from Fay Martin Harder in the district court this morning.

Being a minor, he brought the suit through his father, Harder, alleging that his wife has been guilty of moral lapses and that he was induced to marry her only in the belief that he would be liable to imprisonment if he refused.

WILLARD-JOHNSON.

Bullets of Big Fight at State Jour-
nal Office Monday Noon.

The contest for the championship of the world between Jess Willard of Kansas and Jack Johnson takes place in Havana, Cuba, next Monday, April 5, at 12:30 p. m., which is 12 o'clock noon, Topeka time. The State Journal will announce the fight by rounds, following the announcement with an edition containing a full detailed report. Coming at the noon hour will enable many people to follow the contest round by round. You are invited.

FIGHTING THE PLAGUE

Trade Between U. S. and Hong Kong
Handicapped by Disease.

Washington, April 3.—Although trade with Hong Kong and especially with shipments destined for the United States, there is small chance that plague precautions at Hong Kong can be abandoned, according to a report from Consul Anderson made public by the commerce department today. The precautions, remarks Anderson, "represent expense, which, of course, sooner or later is paid by the American or other foreign consumer."

He admitted that they were necessary, however, Hong Kong having had 2,148 plague cases in the past year, of which 2,024 were fatal.

Weather Forecast for Kansas.

Fair tonight and Sunday; warmer tonight and in southeast portion Sunday.

AMONG THE PRIZE EASTER LILIES



SHE HAS NOT GONE

Rumor Was Current That the
Eitel Had Escaped.Wire Communication Cut Off by
a Coast Storm.

Washington, April 3.—An official government dispatch received here by wireless at 1 p. m. says the German cruiser Prinz Eitel Friedrich still was at her wharf when it was sent.

There was neither telegraph nor telephone communication today between Washington and Newport News or Norfolk, the storm having put the wires out of commission.

The latest intelligence was expressed at government departments in the report but none of them was able to verify it.

Weather bureau officials said that if the Eitel did make the run from Newport News, it had an ideal night for it. There was a stiff northeast storm off the cape with an overcast sky.

If the rumor was untrue, it was added that the vessel would never have a better chance than today for its dash for freedom.

WAR TO END SOON

Gen. Joffre Declares It Will
Terminate SpeedilyAnd Close Will Be to Advantage
of Allies.

Paris, April 3.—General Joffre has predicted a speedy termination of the war in victory for the allies, according to a dispatch from Dunkirk, published today in the Evening News. The dispatch from Dunkirk reads:

"General Joffre, the French commander-in-chief, in the course of a visit to Belgian headquarters to decorate certain Belgian officers with the Legion of Honor, told King Albert and Premier De Broqueville that the war soon would come to an end to the advantage of the allies."

DAD IN COMPLAINT

Washington Man Sends for
Daughter in Topeka.Claims He Sent Money to Girl
and Her Husband.

An alleged case of a daughter and her husband hoodwinking dad and obtaining money from him was today uncovered by Joe Ross, chief of police, when Ross, in answer to telegram from E. E. Rhoads, Colville, Wash., made efforts to locate Rhoads' daughter, Mrs. Grace Smith, of this city.

According to the story told by the police, the daughter sent her father word that her husband had deserted her and asked for money. He sent her \$200. Later she again wired him for a ticket to come home. He sent the money which, according to Chief Ross, was not used for the purpose of purchasing a ticket.

Ross found the woman and her husband living on Monroe street. He states that he will put the woman on a train for her father's home and give the ticket to the conductor.

TO RUN NIGHT AND DAY

Motor Factories of Scotland Taken
Over by Government.

Glasgow, April 3.—All motor manufacturing plants in Scotland have been placed under government control in pursuance of the government's plans to accelerate the supplying of war material.

These plants will in the future be running night and day, producing motor lorries for the transport department.

MODERN JUDAS, HE WIDOW IS CALM

Man Who Ran Away With
Topekan's WifeAte at His Table in Role of a
Close Friend.SHE BOUGHT BIG TRUNK
Filled It With Goods and Took
'Em With Her.Left Bills Behind for Husband,
Walter Stadel.

A modern Judas was Glen Scott, ex-soldier, ex-naval officer and more-or-less soldier of fortune, who, posing as a friend of the family, won the affections of the wife of Walter Stadel, United States mail clerk, and eloped with her Saturday night, while Stadel was at work, according to particulars of the elopement that leaked out today.

Not only did Scott win the affections of Stadel's wife, but he won his worldly goods that could be turned into ready cash and some goods that they have the couple practically located. At first it was believed that they had flown for Omaha but later indications are to the effect that they went on Santa Fe train No. 17 into the sunny southland.

As to just what vocation Scott expected to follow there stories differ. One story, however, is to the effect that Scott left here with the idea of running a gambling house.

So here's the story of the Stadel-Scott disappearance as told by today's investigations.

Scott, Stadel and Stadel's wife were childhood friends at Hoyt. Then the woman came to Topeka, where she met Stadel, a mail clerk, and they were married.

Several weeks ago Scott wrote to Mrs. Stadel and in the letter was a plea that her husband try and land him a job. About six weeks ago, Scott, who had been staying at the home of his father in Hoyt, came to Topeka, and Stadel, the husband, made numerous attempts to get Scott into positions in Stadel's name is unknown—but they were many.

Articles of value—silver and jewelry—at the Stadel home also disappeared with the couple. Scott, who had been staying at the home of his father in Hoyt, came to Topeka, and Stadel, the husband, made numerous attempts to get Scott into positions in Stadel's name is unknown—but they were many.

It is said that they left on Santa Fe train No. 17 at midnight Saturday night. At first it was believed by officials that they went to Omaha. A couple that purchased tickets for Omaha that answered the description of the runaway were responsible for the theory.

Also it is said that the elopement came up to the usual standard of such affairs. In fact, the two almost missed their train owing to Mrs. Stadel's delay in arriving at the depot. The anxious Scott—with a military bearing, if you please—paced the platform five minutes till train time—four minutes—three—at just two minutes till train time the woman rushed around the corner of the depot. They boarded the train without their baggage. It was forwarded at 5 o'clock the next morning.

The Stadel's are the parents of one child, a 4-year-old boy, who is in the custody of the woman and Scott within a short time.

It was understood late this afternoon that Walter Stadel would apply for a divorce from his wife immediately.

SUES FOR DIVORCE

Mrs. Matt Glaske Takes
Troubles to Court.Action Against Him for Rela-
tions With Girl.

Suit for divorce was brought this afternoon by Blanche Glaske against her husband, Matt G. Glaske, the tailor. The action is a direct outcome of the incident Thursday night when Mrs. Glaske caught her husband in his clothes shop on East Eighth street with a young woman.

In her petition Mrs. Glaske alleges improper relations with the girl, Gladys Caton, extending over a considerable period of time. The special offense, however, was Thursday night, when she was discovered in her husband's clothes shop.

Mr. and Mrs. Glaske were married in 1907 at Baldwin, Kan. They have a daughter 7 years old. Mrs. Glaske asks custody of the child.

New York, April 3.—Application was made in the United States district court here today for the appointment of receiver for the International Mercantile Marine company on a bill of complaint filed by the New York Trust company.

The complaint was filed against the International Mercantile Marine company, the Fidelity Trust company, and the International Navigation company.

ARE LOCKED IN
DEATH STRUGGLEGigantic Armies Battle for the
Carpathian Passes.Fighting Line Extends Along a
20-Mile Front.

SLAV INVASION OF HUNGARY

And Early Ending of the War
May Result.Russians Winning, but Final
Clash Is Yet to Come.

Petrograd, April 3.—The great battle for possession of the Carpathian passes is approaching the decisive stages. Along a 20 mile line reaching from Vola Michlova eastward to the River San, great armies are locked in death struggles on the hills. The invasion of Hungary with a possible early ending of the European war may result.

Reports of Russian successes have reached here from correspondents at the front. The war office, while optimistic, does not share the belief that the battle has been won. Important victories have been secured by the Slavs, but the gigantic clash for the Uzsoz pass is yet to begin.

Nearly half-million Austro-Germans are encamped along the Carpathian battle line either north of the mountains, at the passes themselves or along the railway at Mezo Laboro, south of Lupkow gap. Beside them are endless chains of trenches and fortified positions that must be captured before the great body of Russian troops pass down the heights and into Hungary.

Slow But Steady.

From Vola Michlova to Smolnik the Russian left wing is making slow but steady progress. Perhaps no army in the history of the world ever advanced under more tremendous difficulties. The entire line is melted in snow and covered the mountains with tiny rivulets. Then a sudden dash of zero weather converted the mountain sides into glittering sheets of ice. Besides being aided by these natural obstacles, the Austrians, under German direction, have built up almost impenetrable defenses high in the ridges.

No point are the Slavs nearer than 20 miles to the Uzsoz pass. Some of the most desperate fighting of the entire war must occur before a Russian army pours through the gap along the river leading to Ungvár. It will require at least a month of incessant advance. The enemy estimated today, before the main Russian army can pass down the southern slope of the Carpathians into Hungary.

But the new development will have tremendous influence with the final result.

In Poland and north of Bukovina, constant Russian attacks are being made against the Austro-Germans. In both regions the evident intention of the general staff is to keep the enemy too busy to send reinforcements to the Carpathians.

STORM IN THE EAST.

Freezing Temperature for Easter Be-
yond the Mississippi.

Washington, April 3.—Easter finery in the eastern states is threatened by snow, wind, rain and cold. A cyclonic storm today swept north along the Atlantic coast and the entire forecast here presaged wintry gales from Florida to Maine.

A single hope for Easter parades was held in a tentative prediction that the snow and rain might be followed by "clearing" weather Sunday afternoon. So widespread was the disturbance that storm warnings were displayed along the Atlantic coast from Wilmington, N. C., to East Port, Me. Temperatures down to freezing were predicted for the entire country east of the Mississippi.

In the northwest states and the west plateau region, the forecast said, Easter wearing apparel might be displayed.

IT IS APRIL AT LAST.

Weather in Kansas Caught Up With
Calendar Today.

From February to April was the jump made in weather between six o'clock this morning and this afternoon. The early morning was cool, but the mercury rose steadily encouraged by a southerly wind.

The same ideal brand of weather is scheduled for Easter. The forecast: "Fair tonight and Sunday; warmer tonight and in the southeast portion of the state Sunday." The sky was clear at all Kansas stations this morning with the exception of two.

The minimum temperature at six o'clock this morning was 29 degrees; normal minimum for this date is 38 degrees. The government thermometer registered 42 by nine o'clock.

The wind is blowing at the rate of 12 miles an hour from the south. The hourly temperature readings:

7 o'clock	32	11 o'clock	46
8 o'clock	35	12 o'clock	49
9 o'clock	42	1 o'clock	51
10 o'clock	45	2 o'clock	52

FLEET COMING BACK.

Atlantic Squadron of United States
Steamers Northward.

Guantanamo, Cuba, April 3.—Finishing a month's fleet and target practice, the Atlantic fleet steamed northward today, commanded for the first time by an officer with the rank of admiral—Admiral Fletcher. The fleet is due at Tangier Sound, in Chesapeake bay, April 9, and from April 11 to May 2 will have target practice off the Virginia capes before going to Newport for the mobilization of all naval war craft for a "war game" May 18. Late in July, the fleet will be sent to San Francisco via the Panama canal if the "big ditch" is cleared of slides.

CITY ATTORNEY
FLAYS PETITIONS"Tainted and Permeated With
Fraud," Says Ralston.Answer to City Council Suit in
Supreme Court.

LIVING IN COW PASTURES

Claims Resident Numbers Ap-
pear on Vacant Lots.Second Chapter of Fight on
Commission Form.

W. C. Ralston, city attorney of Topeka, has left no room for doubt in the minds of the judges of the Kansas supreme court, as to what he thinks of the "graveyard" petitions asking that Topeka return to the council form of city government.

"Thoroughly tainted and permeated with fraud and irregularity," reads a part of his answer to the mandamus suit instituted in the supreme court by Capt. P. H. Coney, of the Anti-Commission league. Coney is seeking through the supreme court to compel the city commission either to return the petitions to him, or to hold a special election to vote upon returning to the council plan. Ralston's answer to an alternative writ of mandamus was filed with the court today.

The answer, among other things, alleges that the petitions were found to be insufficiently signed and that therefore no election could legally be held. He also refuses to return the petitions on the grounds that those asking for their return have no legal right to them and that they are a part of the official records of the city.

The Answer.

The answer in part reads: "That said petition contained names of persons purporting to reside at street numbers which did not exist, and that if such street had existed, the residences bearing such numbers would have been located in parks, in cow pastures and on vacant lots that said petition contained names of persons who did not reside in the city of Topeka, that said petition contained names which had been signed thereto two, three and four times; that said petition contained names of persons that did not reside at the places where they were purported to reside as set forth therein; and that said petition contained different signatures in the same handwriting, and that said petition would have been justified in ignoring said petition entirely, on the ground that it was so thoroughly tainted and permeated with fraud and irregularity that it would be impossible to satisfactorily determine whether any portion of said petition was regular and in due form as required by law."

Burge Did Duty.

"That, notwithstanding the fraudulent and irregular character of said petition, as above set forth, defendant, C. B. Burge, obeyed the writ and imposed upon him, as city clerk of said city, by section 1239 of the General Statutes of Kansas of 1909, with two assistants, worked on said day, including Sunday, in examining the voters' register in the office of the commissioner of elections of said city for the purpose of ascertaining whether or not said petition was signed by the requisite number of qualified electors; and after eliminating the sojourners in parks, the dwellers in cow pastures, the names on vacant lots, the denizens at fictitious street numbers, the non-residents of Topeka, the duplicate, triplicate and quadruplicate names and other irregular signatures, said defendant, C. B. Burge, as city clerk, on February 13, 1915, certified and reported, under oath, to the board of city commissioners, that said petition was insufficient to authorize the calling of the election therein requested, or not said petition was approved and said petition placed on file by said mayor and commissioners; a copy of said said certificate and report of said defendant, C. B. Burge, is hereto attached, marked 'Exhibit B,' and made a part of this return."

"That the total number of electors appearing on the voters' register in the office of commissioner of elections of the city of Topeka at the time of the filing of said petition, was 16,978; that section 1241 of the General Statutes of Kansas of 1909 required said petition to be signed by not less than 25 per cent of the electors of said city, to wit, 4,245; that said petition was signed by only 2,280 electors, whose names appeared upon said voters' register; and that, therefore, said petition was insufficient to authorize the mayor and commissioners to call the election therein requested, and the mayor and commissioners did not call such election."

Did Not Sign Paper.

Referring to a second petition of the same nature, the city attorney says:

"That said petition contained the names of about 200 unauthorized signatures, as heretofore admitted (Continued on Page Two.)"

SERVES IN TWO ARMIES.

Vienna, April 3.—George Lietner, a young Austrian from Zell am See in Tyrol, has had the perhaps unique experience of serving during this war in both the German armies, first as a German soldier and then as an Austrian. When the war broke out Lietner was in Germany. He enlisted, and was sent to the west front, where he eventually received the Iron Cross. As Austria began calling out her various classes of troops Lietner's name finally was reached, and a notification was sent him, which was received by his father in his home town. The latter, who chanced to know his son's regiment and company in the German army, sent him word that he was called on for service in Austria. He was mustered out of the German ranks and in due time mustered in the Austrian, where he now is.